

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
July 15, 2026**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday July 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

1. Call to order

President Kitts called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Prayer

Commissioner Chuck Poling led the prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Hix led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

In attendance were Council members Greg Kitts, Frank Hix, Mark Leming (6:03 pm), Aaron Caudell, Greg Brankle, Jim McWhirt and Mike Scott. Also present were County Attorney David Glickfield, Auditor Angela Jarvis, Chief Deputy Auditor Cori Anderson and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens.

5. Auditor's Report

Auditor Jarvis expressed you have all the usual reports in your packet, along with an email from the State Board of Accounts about Audit questions, spring settlement, and an email about MUST meetings. Councilman McWhirt asked about spring settlement.

6. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular session on May 20, 2026. Second by Councilman Brankle; motion carried 7-0.

7. New Business

A. Grant County Recorder-Kathy Foy is requesting a transfer of \$70,000.00 from the CISP fund to the Service Agreement account, and an additional appropriation from the Perpetuation fund to the Service Agreement account in the amount of \$75,000.00. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

B. Grant County Health Department-Tara Street is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$15,000.00 to Educational Supplies. Councilman Brankle made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Caudell; motion carried 7-0.

C. Grant County Sheriff-Del Garcia is requesting a salary ordinance amendment to add a Jail Treatment Coordinator position to the Opioid Restricted Fund in the amount of

\$100,000.00. This will cover the salary and full benefit for this position. Council has tabled this until the next meeting.

Sheriff Garcia is asking to fill a vacancy for a Sheriff's Work Crew Deputy. Councilman McWhirt made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Brankle; motion carried 7-0.

D. Grant County Treasurer-April Legare is requesting to fill a vacancy in the Treasurer's office. Councilman McWhirt made a motion to approve as requested effective July 13, 2026. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

E. Grant County Commissioners-Shane Middlesworth is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$304,220.00 for the D-Home chiller and \$6,892.96 for Courthouse security viewing station. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Shane Middlesworth is requesting to fill the vacancy of the County Veteran Service Officer with Adam Crotzer effective July 13, 2026. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

F. Grant County EMA-Bob Jackson is requesting approval to fill the vacancy for Deputy Director in the EMA office. Councilman McWhirt made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Brankle; motion carried 7-0.

G. BW Construction-Jail Project Discussion-Commissioner Shane Middlesworth read a letter and introduced Dustin Frye from BW Construction. Mr. Frye went through the Jail Project handout and explained the 3 options, option 1 & 2 is the D-Home renovation with a new pod, option 3 is a new build facility. Mr. Frye explained each options site/floor plan and the financial budget.

Josh Janak from Baird presented a handout and explained the financing process. Max Adams spoke about the bond council, approval process and the BOT process.

Councilman Greg Kitts and Jim McWhirt both spoke their opinions about the process. Discussion ensued between the Council members.

Councilman Frank Hix made a motion of no to a new jail rejecting all options (1,2, &3). Second by Councilman Scott.

Public Comment-

Sheriff Del Garcia spoke about the overcrowding in the current jail.

Michael Duke spoke about preventative maintenance program on the existing jail and buildings.

Jack Early (11 years old) spoke about his future in Grant County and counselling, and treatment facilities are needed.

Linda Kitts spoke about quality of life in Grant County.

Connie Newby spoke about the schools in Grant County and about having no counselors in the schools to help the young people.

Bill Creech expressed appreciation to the Council members for looking at all the options.

Ed Hartman spoke about affording the project and the other buildings the county owns.

President Kitts asked the Auditor to do the vote by roll call; motion carried 4-3.

8. Old Business

None.

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion

Committee Reports- None.

Councilman Jim McWhirt spoke about the MUST meetings, suggesting having a meeting in August or September.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Regular meeting-Wednesday August 12, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

Public Hearing-Budget-Wednesday August 19, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

Public Hearing-Budget-Thursday August 20, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

Public Hearing-Budget-Wednesday August 26, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

Public Hearing-Budget-Thursday August 27, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

10. Adjournment

President Kitts adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.